

DGS Volunteers Clean Up Park and Bake Casseroles for Day to Serve

Department of General Services (DGS) volunteers cooked and cleaned to feed the hungry and heal the planet for the region's Day to Serve event. Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia joined together for the two week initiative which strengthens communities through volunteer service projects.

"I am pleased with how many DGS employees rolled up their sleeves to volunteer and reached into their wallets to donate," said DGS Secretary Alvin C. Collins. "It reflects our commitment to Doing Great Service for the people of Maryland."

Feed the Hungry

13 DGS employees donned aprons, chopped vegetables and cooked ground beef to produce more than 100 pounds of Texas Hash casseroles for Our Daily Bread's hot meal program in Baltimore. That's enough to feed over 400 people. Employees generously contributed more than enough cash to fund the casseroles, enabling DGS to donate \$245 to the Maryland Food Bank to feed hungry Marylanders across the State.



Heal the Planet

Partnering with the Department of Natural Resources, 17 DGS employees, including Secretary Alvin Collins, helped clean up Wilson Park in Galesville. According to the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works Waste Management division, 620 pounds of trash, 660 pounds of plastic and glass, and 15 tires were removed during the cleanup. The historic property was once owned by an emancipated slave named Henry Wilson and was also home to the Galesville Hot Sox, a Negro League

baseball team. The baseball field was reopened back in May and there are plans to restore the farm house where Wilson lived.

To check out more photos of DGS' Day to Serve projects, visit our <u>Facebook</u> page.